

Washington, Nov. 20.—Cloudy and slightly colder tonight; Thursday, fair.

TEMPERATURES AT EACH HOUR table with columns for 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and rows for 10/11, 12/1, 1/2, 3/4, 4/5.

CHAIR WARMERS IN CITY HALL TO KEEP SOFT JOBS

Finance Committee's Economy Spasm Ending in Usual Fashion

INDEPENDENTS HELPLESS

Appeals and Arguments for Elimination of Waste and Sinecures Produce Nothing

None of the soft jobs in city and county offices have been dropped during Council's finance committee's study of the \$50,000,000 budget for 1919.

As usual, the only result of a committee study of department demands has been to call the attention of the public to payroll waste and extravagance, which contributed substantially to the heavy burden of tax increase which has been imposed during the Vire-Smith regime and which it is proposed to continue so that street cleaning and garbage contractors may get increased revenues from their contracts.

City Hall has experienced too many spasms of economy that ended almost at birth to be seriously disturbed by the repeated declarations of Chairman Gaffney of Finance Committee, that he favors abolishing "useless jobs."

His efforts to "find" any such jobs, as well as the efforts of the other members of the Vire-controlled Finance Committee, have been signally fruitless, and, although the word economy is frequently in the mouth of committee members, that is the only evidence of its existence that a study of approved appropriations shows.

Demands Higher Than Ever

Many of the department budgets that go to Council are larger than they were before in the city's history and most payrolls were approved by a perfunctory vote without any attempt at a serious study of the needs for the new year.

In a number of instances where questions were asked by independent members as to the need for such large payrolls, assurance was given that they would be eliminated if charges were made that would save money.

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Independent Councilmen are determined to oppose the largest move for soft places for Vire henchmen, but it is questionable if they will be able to stem the tide that brings the city and county personal services to the unheard-of figure of \$20,000,000.

Vire members say they will put through their "economy" program without any serious opposition.

Independent Councilmen hoped that this year would see the abolition of the useless branch tax offices of which there are eight scattered over the city and costing in salaries \$75,050.

They had hoped for the abolition of the branch tax offices for police workers and in some instances they take in enough taxes during the course of the year to cover the expense of their operation.

Best Place to Start

The abolition of these places they look upon as the first practical move Council could make toward putting the city on something like a business basis and getting rid of political hangers-on.

There are hundreds of other jobs that are almost needless, in the opinion of many Councilmen, but the branch tax offices offer the best point for an economy start.

Ever since their creation in 1830 and in some instances they take in enough taxes during the course of the year to cover the expense of their operation.

There are forty-eight jobholders in the snug berths in these branch offices, says one of the establishment, and a dozen years ago they had more than 1,000,000.

There are eight branch receivers at \$2500 each, eight cashiers at \$1800, twenty-four clerks at \$1300 and Janitors at \$1000, in addition to the cost of upkeep, which brings the total this year to \$100,000.

The efforts of Select Councilman Harry Trainer to save the city some of the money given to departments for "extra help" or for temporary clerks met with defeat, despite the fact that the Finance Committee had recommended that the various city and county departments.

Trainer's Efforts Failed

Trainer's assertion that so many political hangers-on had been cared for by the Board of Registration that all could not stay in City Hall at the same time, would bring in each other, meet with no change in the situation in the appropriation to the Registration Commissioners.

EXPRESS RATES SHARPLY RAISED BY R. R. DIRECTOR

McAdoo Gives Notice of Increases of 16 and 17 Cents Per 100 Pounds on Merchandise

Washington, Nov. 20.—General increases in express rates were announced today by Director General McAdoo, of the railroad administration.

East of the Mississippi and north of the Ohio and Potomac Rivers the new rates on merchandise will be about 16 and 17 cents a hundred pounds more than at present.

The increase on food rates will be about 75 per cent as much.

For the remainder of the country the merchandise rate will be increased about ten to twelve cents a hundred pounds over the present scale, and the increase in food rates will be proportionately 75 per cent.

The increases, it was announced, are due to increases in wages and become effective immediately.

CHARTER FIRST, CONNELLY'S VIEW

City Solicitor Favors Early Consideration of Revision Plans

REPLIES TO VARE PLEA

City Solicitor John P. Connelly is in favor of proceeding at once with consideration of plans for revision of the city charter or for an entirely new charter.

He so stated this afternoon in an interview that was in effect an answer to Senator Edwin H. Vire, who has urged the matter of the charter be put aside until a State constitutional convention is held.

After the declaration of Governor-elect Wood in favor of a convention for constitutional revision, Senator Vire lost little time in finding in the Governor-elect's proposal an apparent reason for putting off the matter of reforming the city's government.

He said the constitutional convention would determine what sort of charter the city could have, and therefore the whole charter matter could well wait on the convention.

Eager to Proceed

Without formally answering Senator Vire he is now referring to his proposal to delay consideration of charter revision or a new charter.

Mr. Connelly declared himself eager to proceed with consideration of a new fundamental government system for the city.

It is quite reasonable and advisable, he said, for those who have the initiative in such matters to go forward and prepare a scheme to remedy the evils of the present municipal government, a scheme that they can place before the constitutional convention or the Legislature for approval when the proper time comes.

Mr. Connelly said he was still satisfied that his course in inviting certain bills without delay to consider charter plans with him, his office next Tuesday was the right one.

ing Drafted Form of Charter

Mr. Connelly has prepared a form of charter which he believes would be adequate to the needs of the city, but he refused to say anything about the details of it in advance of his conference with leaders in the city next week.

Senator Vire's own words convict him of double-crossing the public. He is in connection with the charter revision movement, according to former accusations made by John C. Winston, chairman of the Committee of Seventy.

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Urgent Need of Remedy

"I am altogether decided that we should proceed with consideration of revision of the present city charter or of a new charter," said Mr. Connelly.

He said the necessity for remedial legislation for the evils of the present city government and the fact that a constitutional convention may be held does not constitute an argument against proceeding at once.

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FOOD DEALERS PUNISHED

Federal Administration Revokes One License and Closes a Store

The Federal food administration has revoked for an indefinite period the license of Charles E. Davis, who does business under the name of Charles E. Davis Company, 421 North Water street, this city, and closed the store of John R. Bitter, 5355 Woodland avenue, for thirty days.

U. S. CONTRACTS FOR ARMY SUITS CANCELED HERE

Tentmakers Also Get Instructions to Start No New Work

MUST READJUST PLANTS

Many Converted for War Production Must Be Restored to Peace Basis

The Government has ordered firms in this city and elsewhere immediately to drop various war contracts on which work has not already begun.

These contracts cover the manufacture of wall and shelter-tents, mosquito bars, barracks bags, overcoats, uniforms, hats and other clothing.

The order has been conveyed to the manufacturers in Philadelphia in letters signed by Captain John T. Clayton, of the Quartermaster Corps here. The letters were sent on authority from the Quartermaster General in Washington.

Will Modify Contracts

The letters sent out by Captain Clayton give the contractors permission to take civilian contracts at once and to push them to completion, regardless of any Government contracts on which work is begun.

Government work now started, however, is to be finished as soon as conveniently possible, but owing to the existing changes made necessary by the execution of the new order the firms making the Government work will not be held strictly to the terms of their contracts as to the delivery dates.

The notice to cease cutting Government cloth is imperative and makes it arbitrary for the contractors to have their own cloth ready for delivery to the local quartermaster's depot on demand of the authorities of the corps here.

The method used by the Government in letting contracts for the manufacture of such articles as are effected by the new order has been for the Quartermaster's Department to supply the various factories with the raw cloth and for the contractors to do the cutting and making and return the finished product.

Thousands of yards of Government cloth are now stored in various local factories, and all this will be returned to the authorities for whatever use they may decide to make of it.

Some of the thousands of overcoats, overalls and other articles contracted for have already been begun; this work will be completed, and then the factories will shut themselves on a peace-time basis.

Many of the contractors engaged in this line of Government work have completed work on about completed and carry it on and the cancellation of the contracts means a complete reversal to their former activities.

Some Built Factories

Other firms have erected big factories to care for this work, the Suskind and the Kirschbaum, among manufacturers, being among these.

Among the firms to feel the weight of the new order are: The Kirschbaum Clothing Company, Philadelphia; Co. S. Salus & Co., the Dougherty Bedding Company, the Richards Manufacturing Company, and virtually every tent and small maker in the city, as well as many smaller establishments.

Some of the firms are already planning the return to peacetime work, one at least, the Atlantic Knitwear and Silk Goods Company, already begun the manufacture of its former products.

The Clayton letter was received this morning and the management found that all Government work was about completed and the renewal of old work started at once.

ALL BERTHS TO BE CHEAPER

McAdoo Plans Reduction in Sleeping Car Fares

Reduction in sleeping car fares on lines under Government control is being considered by railroad administration officials. It was learned here today.

Abolishment of the extra fare of half a cent a mile for sleeping car transportation will be proposed by Director General McAdoo. The sleeping car rate since the June increase is 3 1/2 cents a mile, with the charge for accommodations additional.

The extra charge of half a cent a mile, which has been in effect since the \$57,000,000 annually. Elimination of the extra fare must be offset with revenue from some other source, officials believe. Upon the finding of another source of revenue was said to depend the decision to restore the three-cent rate.

PHILA. AVIATOR DECORATED

Lieutenant Duckstein's Informant Defeats Enemy Attack

Flying through continuous heavy machine-gun and anti-aircraft fire, Lieutenant Duckstein, son of Mrs. Caroline Duckstein of Philadelphia, obtained information that resulted in the crushing of a German counter-attack.

This story of heroism and valuable service is told in the official citation of General Pershing in which Lieutenant Duckstein is awarded the distinguished service cross.

Lieutenant Duckstein was severely wounded by a machine-gun bullet, but he made his observations and wrote a report which brought severe reprisals on the Germans. He flew over the enemy lines less than 100 meters up in the air, and he was shot down by a fresh German division for the attack.

MYSTERY VEILS GERMAN REVOLT; RED FLAG GOES

Signs That Former Kaiser May Still Have Hold on Government

EXPECTED AT POTSDAM

Charles Believed to Be Attempting to Save Austrian Crown

Signs of the German revolt are mysteriously disappearing coincidental with a report that the former Kaiser is expected at Potsdam. Indications are developing that German trickery is again at work in an effort to split the Allies.

London newspapers have suggested that the supposed heads of the vacant German "government" may be tools of the former Kaiser and that the latter is plotting to establish a new monarchy in the German Empire.

In the connection the arrival in Berlin of delegates from Vienna who seek to have Germany Austria united with Germany has special significance.

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GERMANS TURN 20 SUBMARINES OVER TO ALLIES

Will Surrender Forty More Tomorrow in Obedience to Armistice Terms

By the Associated Press

London, Nov. 20.—Twenty German submarines were surrendered to Rear Admiral Reginald W. Tyrwhitt, thirty miles off Harwich this morning at midnight, according to a press association dispatch.

These are the first U-boats to be turned over to the Allies by Germany.

Admiral Tyrwhitt received the surrender of the German craft on board his flagship, a British cruiser.

The surrendered submarines will proceed to Harwich in charge of their own crews. The U-boats will then be boarded by British crews and interpreters and proceed to Parkston Quay, nearby.

The Germans will leave the submarines there and board transports for their return to Germany.

Twenty additional submarines will be surrendered on Thursday and twenty more on Friday. The remainder of the U-boats to be handed over in accordance with the armistice terms will be given up later.

TRUCK DROPS INTO RIVER

Two Boys in Motorcar That Plunges From Gray Ferry Bridge

A five-ton truck crashed through the iron railing and went over the side of Gray Ferry bridge in a 500-foot drop into the Schuylkill River yesterday.

The driver, Berford Kilpatrick, eighty-two years old, of 2062 Oakford street, lost control of the machine in attempting to avoid another heavy vehicle.

Kilpatrick was Frank McDevitt, thirty-two years old, of 6655 Wilcox street, and Joseph McDevitt, fourteen, of 2114 Spruce street.

McDevitt jumped and landed on the bridge unharmed. Kilpatrick and McDevitt went over with the truck into the river. The boys were swimming to shore, William Kruger, 1334 South Stanley street, rescued McDevitt. The latter was taken to the Polyclinic Hospital and Kilpatrick to the University Hospital.

DESTROYER TO BE LAUNCHED

New Jacob Jones to Leave Ways at Camden Today

The New York Shipyard, Camden, will lay her first launching this month the torpedoless destroyer, the Jacob Jones, named after the commander bearing that name, will be launched.

The Government has not removed the ban on public launches, which was placed when war started, and there will be no shipyard launches today. Employees and the launching party will be present to see the speedy little craft leave the ways and they will be ready to launch within the next two months, although the work is not being pushed on them now that the war is over.

The old Jacob Jones, also a destroyer, was torpedoed last December.

KEEP BUILDING, DANIELS URGES

Tells Congressmen Navy Growth Should Not Foresee Peace

Washington, Nov. 20.—(By A. P.)—Continued naval expansion by the United States, without regard, at present, for possible decisions of the peace conference, the formation of a league of nations and the construction of a fleet of submarines to be presented to Congress today by Secretary Daniels at a private conference with the House Naval Committee, which is framing the 1920 naval appropriation bill.

Discussion with the Secretary largely concerned the league of nations and disarmament, called for in President Wilson's peace principles. Mr. Daniels insisted that construction should proceed, because these questions are for future settlement and no one can foresee the decision.

"Hindenburg belongs to the German people and to the German army. He has pledged himself to brilliant victory, and he has not deserted his people at a painful time. Never was Hindenburg closer to our hearts than now, fulfilling his duty."

"His person is under our protection."

DUTCH STORMS BLOW OVER

Troops Who Demanded That Queen Abdicate Lay Down Arms

London, Nov. 20.—(By A. P.)—Latest dispatch reports from the Netherlands seem to indicate that the threatened revolution there has blown over. Crowds of Dutch citizens, many wearing orange ribbons, reported, which were unopposed, state that the larger military nations to appoint farmers delegates to a peace conference which shall simultaneously discuss the peace conference of accredited delegates at the same place.

OCTOBER SHIPPING LOSSES TOTALLED 93,000 TONS

LONDON, Nov. 20. —Allied and neutral shipping losses in October totalled 93,000 tons, the British Admiralty announces. The British losses amounted to 84,000 tons. Sailings of steamships exceeding 300 tons between the United Kingdom and overseas ports, excluding cross-channel traffic, exceeded 7,500,000 tons in October.

LITTLE GIRL KILLED BY AUTOMOBILE

Mary A. Coen, three years old, 1409 South Ringgold street, was struck by an automobile while playing at Ringgold and Reed streets, near her home, this afternoon and injured so severely that she died before reaching the Polyclinic Hospital. The driver of the automobile was arrested.

STUDENTS' TRAINING CORPS TO CONTINUE

The work of the Students' Army Training Corps at Penna and other institutions will be continued until peace is actually concluded, according to word received from Washington today.

GERMAN NAVAL BLUFF REVEALED

Battleships Disarmed and Metal Taken for Submarines, Persius Says

By the Associated Press

London, Nov. 20.—Captain Persius, the German naval critic, has exposed the moment when the first vessels of the German navy are about to be surrendered to the Allies, to publish in the Berlin "Tagblatt" a sensational article containing revelations regarding the German fleet, Captain Persius says the hope that the German fleet would be able to beat the British fleet in a second Skagerrak battle is a bluff and that the fleet is being dismantled.

In August, 1917, Germany had about 100,000 tons of metal in warships, the article points out, while Great Britain had more than double that, and that the German fleet was quite inferior to the British. In the Skagerrak battle he declares, the German fleet was saved from destruction partly by good weather and partly by favorable tactical conditions. Had the weather been clear and Admiral von Sander's leadership less able, the destruction of the whole German navy would have resulted.

German Loss Enormous

The Skagerrak battle, which was a tactical naval engagement, the writer adds, was a disaster for Germany. Admiral von Tirpitz was advised to retreat only submarines, but he remained obstinate. On October 1, 1917, several German battleships were destroyed and on June 1, Captain Persius says, it was clear to every thinking man that the Skagerrak battle would be the only general naval engagement of the war.

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U-boats Fail as Fighters

At the beginning of this year, Captain Persius states, the German navy consisted only of dreadnaughts and battleships of the Helgoland, Kaiser and Admiral Scheer classes. At the end of the year, the German navy consisted of 100 submarines and 100 U-boats.

That was not true, the writer admits. In 1917, he states, eighty-three submarines were constructed, thirty-six were destroyed. In April, 1917, Germany had 126 submarines and in October, 1918, she had 136 and in June of the same year 143, according to Captain Persius's figures.

20 Per Cent 'Unaccounted'

Only a small percentage of these submarines were accounted for by the Allies. In January, 1917, for instance, when conditions were favorable for submarine work, only 12 per cent were active, only 38 per cent were in repair and 20 per cent 'unaccounted for.'

Submarine work, he said, were not so much as they were in the past. They looked with distrust upon the weapon. In the last months, he recalls, it was very difficult to get men for submarine work, as experienced seamen looked upon the submarine warfare as a political ploy.

Captain Persius tells of the mutiny that broke out at the beginning of the month when the German navy was ordered out for attack. Had the seamen obeyed, the writer remarks, indomitable would have been lost and he declares that "every thinking man, therefore, is of the opinion that the seamen on November 5 rendered an invaluable service to their country."

FARMERS SEEK RECOGNITION

President Wilson Asked to Name Agriculturist as Peace Delegate

Washington, Nov. 20.—(By A. P.)—President Wilson was asked today by the Farmers' National Headquarters, representing a number of farmers' organizations, to appoint a representative of the agricultural interests of the country as a delegate to the coming peace conference.

The President also was asked by the farmers' organization in a letter made public here to ask "all billiger and loyal" to support the larger military nations to appoint farmers delegates to a peace conference which shall simultaneously discuss the peace conference of accredited delegates at the same place.

There is but one best. Use PENN. Pencil—Adv.

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By CLINTON W. GILBERT

Reconstruction in this country during the President's absence will be conducted by the so-called war cabinet—the weekly conference of the heads of the various war organizations, which was instituted last year and which has been the real cabinet of this country for the next few months.

President Wilson is going abroad chiefly, as already said in these dispatches, to make a fight for the freedom of the seas. He regards that part of his program as second in importance only to the League of Nations on which he feels that victory is assured to him.

While abroad, the President will remain President of the United States, maintaining his headquarters on American soil. In either place, he can perform all the functions of President, signing or vetoing bills.

Stay Will Be Indefinite

How long the President will remain abroad is a matter of uncertainty. The democratic legislative leaders of the Senate, with whom he discussed his plans for conducting the United States Government from Paris, are of the impression that his stay will be indefinite. He will remain abroad as long as it will be necessary to win his fight for freedom of the seas.

As the President plans to ask no legislation for reconstruction, the Overman bill, the rival to the Weeks bill, which the Republican caucus approved yesterday, being abandoned, he feels that he will be free to remain in Paris as long as he has to remain there to win his fight for the freedom of the seas and for the liberal interpretation of the rest of the fourteen points.

The great question which has been bothering Washington for some time is to whom would do the work of reconstruction has apparently